

Intimations.

S. G. HILL, D.D.S.,
AMERICAN DENTIST.

OFFICE HOURS:—
10 to 12 A.M. 2 to 3 P.M.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1897. [1-m 50]

**THE LABUK PLANTING COMPANY,
LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 130 of the Companies Ordinance, 1867, that a **GENERAL MEETING** of the holders of the above-named **COUPONS** will be held at No. **PRAVA CENTRAL** on **MONDAY, the 17th instant at Noon** for the purpose of having an account laid before them by the Liquidators shewing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted, and the Property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any Explanation that may be given by the Liquidators and of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts, and Documents of the Company, and of the Liquidators thereof, shall be disposed of.

**A. W. WALKINSHAW,
JAMES H. COX,
Liquidators.**
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. 192

**THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND
STORAGE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

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CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.,
CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK
MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-
SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.
CHARTS and BOOKS,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.
 Sole Agents for Louis Audemars Watches
 awarded the highest Prize at every Exhibition
 and for Votzlander and Seltz's
CALIBRATED OPTIC GLASSES,
MARINE GLASSES, and SPEYGLASSES.
 Nos. 44 & 54, Queen's Road Central. (40)

ROTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.
A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the **FREEMASONS'**
HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 21st
January, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brothers are cordially invited to attend.

• Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
HONGKONG, 26th May, 1894. [30]

Today's Advertisements.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 15th January, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of the Shares of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 22nd January, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
General Agents for the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LD.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [116]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned will let by PUBLIC AUCTION ON MONDAY, the 24th day of January, 1898, at 3 o'clock, P.M. On the Sp.

The Several Lots numbered 1 to 10 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for Erection of Booths and Materials on the Government ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

Terms—Cash.
For Conditions of Sale, Apply to
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [114]

CREAMERY BUTTER.

JUST received a FRESH CONSIGNMENT of AUSTRALIAN CREAMERY BUTTER, the quality is specially selected for the climate and will speak for itself.

70 CENTS per 1 lb. TIN.

SPECIAL QUOTATION FOR QUANTITIES.

H. RUTONJEE,
14, D'Almeida Street, Hongkong,
and
20 & 21, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [113]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PREUSSEN."

Capitain P. Wulff, will leave for the above place from No. 1 Kowloon Dock on SUNDAY, the 16th instant, P.M.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed later on.

For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [158]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"GAZZER."

Capitain Bailey, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at 10 A.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [163]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"ARGYLL."

Capitain Ward, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at 5 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [164]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"SHANGHAI."

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 20th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [157]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BRUSSEN."

THE above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given TO-MORROW, before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 20th, and MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 24th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [156]

Today's Advertisements.

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "ARGYLL."

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [154]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "GAZZER."

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [163]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRY VADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [130]

DENTISTRY.

MR. SUI SANG, (Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA), DENTIST.

No. 55 Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [153]

LEVY HERMANOS.

DIAMOND MERCHANTS, JEWELLERS AND WATCHMAKERS.

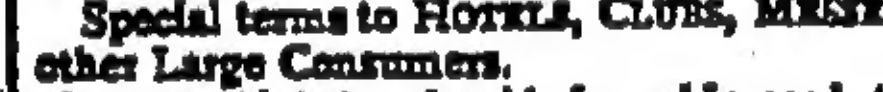
Sole Agents in the East for the amalgamated CLARKE, HUMBER and GLADIATOR CO., LD., DUNLOP TYRES BICYCLES—PRICES—\$185.

A special reliable Watch made for this Climate.

Quality A.....\$16

Quality B.....\$12

10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Opposite the Telegraph Office.



A. S. WATSON & CO., L. M. D.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be decanted to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY marked "X" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1897. [17]

BIRTH.

On the 12th January, the wife of W. B. DIXON, Seremban, Malay Peninsula, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1898.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

LONDON, January 14th.

The tone of the German Press has been of late markedly more friendly to Great Britain.

INDIAN FINANCE.

A bill will be introduced in the Vice-regal Council on Friday, giving power to receive deposits of gold from London and to issue notes against it in India.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE CHINA LOAN.

Reuter's Agency learns that the negotiations with China for a British loan are likely to be of a protracted nature, as China is procrastinating and raising various difficulties; moreover it is uncertain whether adequate security will be forthcoming.

GERMANY AND CHINA.

Germany has chartered two trading steamers to ply between Kiao Choo and Shanghai.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Swift is at Sandakan.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.33 per £.

The French mail liner Sydney is due here on Tuesday next.

The new British torpedo-boat destroyer, *Cruiser*, in her official trial in Stokes Bay, made a run of 32.49 knots per hour.

Mr. Woodhouse to-day committed for trial the Chinese rent-collector charged with the double murder in Shelley Street.

The German, Schwalm, charged with embezzlement, was brought before the Magistrate to-day and remanded till to-morrow.

The three Chinese charged with playing the "confidence trick" on a number of women were to-day remanded till Wednesday next.

There will be a cricket match between teams representing the H.E.C.C. and H.K.F.C. at the cricket ground to-morrow, commencing at 2 P.M.

We have received a letter on the subject of the Canton river steamer, apparently from some lady resident in Canton, who has not complied with the rule that all correspondence must be duly authenticated by the name and address of the sender, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of fact.

A LAUNCH-HAND lately to the employ of Messrs. Blackhead & Co., charged with stealing two bottles of canvas belonging to the firm, was brought up on remand to-day, Mr. Gedge appearing for the defence. After further evidence had been taken, the Magistrate found that the charge was not proved and he discharged the accused.

The Ceylon Independent has issued a handsome Christmas supplement, full of excellent reading matter with Christmas in almost every line of it. It is an as little and well executed production, and speaks well not only for the enterprise of our contemporary, but also for the Colombo community that can support such things adequately.

There was a large attendance at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon to witness the football match between the Royal Lancaster Regiment and the H.K.F.C. The military team proved much the better of the two, their passing and kicking and play generally being excellent and they scored five goals to their opponents' nil.

Cosmopolitan Saturday Journal for December is a very good all-round magazine, full of the most remarkably varied reading matter: serial stories, short novelettes, detective tales, descriptive articles on curious phases of life in large cities, strange industries, etc.; besides ladies' columns, notes for children, comic illustrations, and a beautiful little scene, "Love laughs at locksmiths." Of special interest out here is an interview with Mrs. Isabella Bird-Bishop on her travels in China.

The organ recital by Mr. A. G. Ward in St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon attracted many lovers of music, and the programme which included songs by Mrs. G. C. Cox and Mr. Ernest Mitrow, was very much enjoyed. The items were as follow:—

Précieux and Fugue in A minor.....J. S. Bach.

Song....."The Courtiers".....Beethoven.

Andante....."From the 4th Concerto".....Beethoven.

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THE Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company

(fire, life and annuity) issues an elegant and expensive New Year's card in the shape of a leather-bound blotting book, handsomely decorated in marbled, black and gold. The Company's funds exceed nine and a half million pounds sterling, and the Hongkong agents are Messrs Douglas, Lauder & Co.

THE Weekly Box of Curios (Yokohama)

has published an elegant Christmas number, in a gorgeous coloured cover, that best "ham and eggs" follow. The back cover is really a handsome work of art; the front is a lurid grotesque. The contents of the number are exceedingly good. One of the very best items is an allegorical cartoon, not badly executed, and very laudably conceived.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME.

at the CHINESE THEATRE.

PLAY: "THE SLEEPING BEAUTY"

by The Celebrated and Wealthy Actor, Signor Li.

Patrons are taking their places in the theatre. On the stage is the Emperor of China asleep. The Russian Emperor is sitting in a chair, marked "Well-to-do"; John Bull is on a mark, "Pet Hamilton"; and next to him is the Emperor of Korea. The President of the French Republic has just appeared at the end of the foot-row and is looking for a seat. Will he get one?

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts' Weekly Share Report, dated Hongkong, Wednesday, 12th January, 1898, says:—The chief feature of the week has been a sharp advance in the

I have kept you a long time and I have here only a few words more. (Applause.) You have been on the platform a gentleman who has been a very kind friend and patron of this school—His Excellency the Governor. (Applause.) I must confess that it seems to me that the remarks that the Governor should have attended nearly every annual prize distribution have been made by the Governor, to encourage the masters and boys by distributing the prizes and delivering addresses. I think he may pride himself on that as a very great thing to have done in this Colony. Her Majesty the Queen's instructions, if I remember rightly, impress on the Governor in most emphatic terms that he must do his utmost for education. His Excellency—That is so.

The Chief Justice—And now he is leaving, in about a fortnight, and you will not see him again. I am quite sure you are grateful to him for the interest he has taken in this school, and in education in general. I don't know if Dr. Wright intended to discharge this function, but I will take it upon myself to call on you to express your good wishes for him wherever his lot may fall, by giving three hearty cheers for the Governor of Hongkong.

The boys cheered vigorously, and the gentlemen on the platform thumped their umbrellas heartily.

His Excellency—Ladies and gentlemen, and boys of the Queen's College, I told you, Honour the Chief Justice could make better speeches than I, though he never rises to the height of what are school boys made of.

Frogs and scallies—That was a very good one.

I was very glad to hear that there has been great progress made in English instruction since I spoke last on the subject in 1895, and that Chinese schools for teaching English have been started in Swatow, Amoy, Canton, and other parts of the Chinese Empire. I did not intend to speak at all to-day, but I cannot help thanking you for the hearty cheers you gave just now. When I am in England I shall always look out for news of Hongkong, and anything touching Queen's College will be of the greatest interest to me. As Sir John Carrington said, the English language will probably be the universal language of the world some day, and no doubt British trade and British interests are every day increasing in China. Again I thank you all very much for your kindness in responding to the call of the Chief Justice, and I bid you all farewell. (Load applause.)

The proceedings closed with three cheers for Dr. Wright, who briefly responded.

* Note.—The report of the Chief Justice's speech must be taken as only an approximation; our reporter's shorthand is very doubtful in parts, and in other parts he can't read it himself. He says he has done his best, and no man can do more.

OXFORD LOCAL CERTIFICATES 1897.
Senior—C. H. Lee, A. A. Humphreys, A. A. Junior—C. D. Sles, R. Fenton.

SCHOLARSHIPS.
Morrison Senior—J. C. H. Lee, Junior IVE. Hong Hing Kam.
Stewart—L. M. Fan, P. L.
Pupil Teacher—Chan Chiu Tin.

SPECIAL PRIZES.
Translation E to C—I Tai Tin-tai C to E—II Wong Kien-ling.
History—IA I Tai-tai, ICC B. Hayward, II A. Mok Man.

Composition—IA Tai Tin-tai, IC M. Sles, IIA Tai W. K. H. C. D. Carville, IIA Leung I-tai, IIB Lin H. C.

CLASS PRIZES.
IA—I in Yai-wei, L. M. Fan, I. C. C. D. Sles, E. Hayward.
IC—I R. A. Braham.
II A—Wong Kien-ling, 2 Tse Ching-fong, 3 Ng Tung-chao.

II C—I F. J. Barretto, 2 H. Fakira.
III C—I G. D. Fenton.
III A—Pun Cheuk, 2 Ip Lam-shang.
III B—Wong Kien-ling, 2 S. W. Wan-ta.
IV A—Y. C. Yip, 2 Chan Shiu-ling.
IV B—Hing Hing-kam, 2 S. Tung-ho, 3 C. C. Li.

IV C—I Li Fakira, 2 Hong Kien-ling.
V A—I Kwok Yung-tai, 2 Chan Wai-shang.
V B—I Leung Pak-kung, 2 Wai Shiu-ling.
V C—I Leung Kwong-kun, 2 K. Tse-kaw.
VI A—I Li Shiu, 2 Ho-fing.
VI B—I Si Wing-shing, 2 Chung Tat-man.
VI C—I Lau Tsoi, 2 Pun Li Shing.

VII A—I Tang Wing-fai, 2 Li Kwai-tai.
VII B—I Ng Chi-kwan, 2 Leung San-pang.
VII C—I Chan Man-to, 2 Fan Sik-shu.
VIII A—I Ma Shiu-kei, 2 K. Wai-paw.
VIII B—I Chan Man-to, 2 K. Wai-paw.
VIII C—I Wong Tin, 2 U. H. K.

THE CITY HALL.

The annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall was held in the Library, City Hall, at 10.30 to-day. Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving presided, and there were also present Messrs. H. L. Dillmore, H. N. Medy, B. Layton, N. A. Sles and H. L. Deans (Secretary).

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, said that the Annual Report and Accounts as read, in proposing the adoption of the Report there is but little to add with reference to the period covered by it, but you will observe that during the twelve months over which the accounts extend the receipts were \$97,000 in excess of those during the preceding twelve months, and that these extra receipts enabled the Treasurer to keep a balance to the credit of the City Hall. The current account of the City Hall, which has been audited by the Bank, shows heavy expenses, amounting to \$2,451.50, mainly incurred in 1896, had to be met out of last year's receipts. As the building gets older the cost of upkeep can hardly be expected to decrease. Such large gatherings are held in the City Hall, especially during the winter months, that the Committee cannot help feeling that it is of the first importance to do all that can be done to keep the building structurally in a sound condition, and although it is to be regretted that this necessitates a considerable expenditure, they feel bound to effect as speedily as possible all such repairs as the architect certifies to be really necessary. I am glad to be able to add that no serious damage was done to the building by the typhoons that were in the vicinity of the Colony last year. The Theatre receipts during the last few months have hardly been as large as was expected, chiefly owing to the fact that one of the large travelling Companies that had booked the Theatre for September and October last visited India instead of coming to China as previously arranged. As, however, this Company proposes coming to Hongkong shortly, the receipts for the current year will in all probability equal those of last, and I trust that we shall be in a position to continue to show a balance to the credit of current account at the end of the present financial year without having to appeal to the public for subscriptions. With these few remarks I beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be passed.

Mr. Medy seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

The following programme of lectures has been arranged for the remaining portion of the present season:

Lecture by Colonel Eldred, R.E., upon "Aeronautics," on Monday, the 17th of January, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecture by Mr. W. Macchi, upon the "Traditions and Historical Associations of the Hongkong Chinese," on Friday, the 28th of January, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecture by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., on Wednesday, the 9th of February, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecture by Lieutenant Colonel Retalick, H.K.R., upon "The Habits and Customs of the Sikhs," on Wednesday, the 23rd of February, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecture by Commodore Holland, A.D.C., upon "The Sun," on Wednesday, the 9th of March, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecture by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., on Wednesday, the 23rd of March, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecture by Sir John Carrington, C.M.G., upon "Voluntarism," on Wednesday, the 6th of April, at 8.15 p.m.

Lecture by Mr. Frank Browne, upon "Adulteration," on Wednesday, the 30th of April, at 8.15 p.m.

By kind permission of the Chamber of Commerce and of the City Hall Committee, the above Lectures will be delivered in the Chamber of Commerce Room at the City Hall.

"ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS."

"Mister, do you write the 'Answers to Correspondents' for this paper?" asked the stranger with the despondent countenance, as he leaned across the desk and heaved a sigh-laden sigh through the atmosphere.

"Yes, sir. What can I do for you?"

"Can you answer a little question of relationship?"

"Give me the facts and I'll try."

"Here you are. My father married twice. My mother was his second wife and he left her a widow. When I was a baby my mother married the brother of my father's first wife. He was my uncle, of course, but that made him my father, didn't it?"

"Your stepfather, you mean."

"Yes. Well, mother got a divorce from my uncle-father, and then she married the oldest son of my father's first wife. He was my half-brother, wasn't he, and also my step-father, wasn't he?"

"That looks like it."

"That made mother my half-sister, didn't it?"

"—I—I guess I do."

"That's what I thought. Well, you see, my uncle-father had a daughter before he married mother. She was my half-sister, too, wasn't she?"

"—I—I guess she was."

"That's the way I put it up. Next thing was, my mother got a divorce from my brother-father, and he—my half-brother, you know—married my half-sister. That made her a kind of step-mother of mine, didn't it?"

"—I—I—"

"Well, never mind answering yet. My half-brother-step-father died, and now my half-sister-step-mother and I want to get married, but we can't figure out if we can without being arrested for some kind of thing. We don't want to have our names in the papers just as we get to scorching on the matrimonial tandem. What I want you to tell me is: What is my relationship to my brother, my uncle, my stepfather, my half-sister, my mother, my half-brother, my step-mother and myself, and if I can marry her without—why, what's the matter?"

The "Answers to Correspondent" editor had become unconscious.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

HONGKONG FREIGHT MARKET.

In their *Freight Circular* issued yesterday Messrs. Lamke and Rogge report as follows:

The market on the whole has continued steady during the past fortnight, although as anticipated business has been curtailed by the near approach of the Chinese New Year, which always tends to bring chattering operations down to a small compass.

STEAM-FREIGHT.—There are no fresh settlements on record from Saigon for any destination. For this port, the steamers under time charter are picking up what they can get and the rates may be quoted at 14 cents per picul, but partly owing to the temporary dulness of the local rice market and more particularly to the new crops' produce being delayed by the unexpected rain, there is no actual demand for tonnage at present.—From Saigon to Java, there is some inquiry for steamers to load by the end of this month, and later, but the rates quoted at 20 cents per picul is not likely to bring about business.

For Japan, no fresh chartering has come to pass, but it having now been ascertained that the shortage of the rice crop there will amount to 15 to 20 per cent below an average harvest, whilst stocks of old grain are said to be almost exhausted, further business on a fairly large scale can only be a question of time, though it is of course difficult to say to what extent Saigon is likely to participate in shipments to Japan.

From this port to Kobe there has been some leasing of tonnage and rates have been fluctuating a good deal, steamers having booked at from 16 cts. per picul, down to 13 cts. whilst at the moment 15/16 cts. per picul is again obtainable, though the demand is limited.

Bangkok business has come to a standstill again as far as prompt loading is concerned for shipments during February 21/26 cts. per picul is being quoted, a figure much too low, however, to lead to business.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
TOKA MARU	Kobe and Yokohama	Wednesday, 19th January, at Daylight
C. Hilcoat	Kobe and Yokohama	FRIDAY, 21st January, at Noon
HIROSHIMA MARU	SHANGHAI, INSEN, SHIMO, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ and YOKO-	FRIDAY, 21st January, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU	HAMA	MONDAY, 24th January, at 4 P.M.
M. J. Carver	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 25th January, at Noon
OMI MARU	SEATTLE, WASH., VIA KOFÉ and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
C. Young	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS, VILL KEEPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEW CASTLE, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAPA PORTS), PANAMA, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 28th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU		
S. Kawaguchi		
KAGOSHIMA MARU		
W. Thompson		
YAMASHIRO MARU		
J. Jones		
INABA MARU		
W. Balabridge		

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [109]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SOURABAYA AND SAMARANG.

THE Company's Steamship

"FAUSANG,"
Captain N. Moncur, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [92]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO,"
Captain Coburn, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [108]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHUNSAUNG,"
Captain Butler, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [107]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENLEI,"
Captain Farquhar, will be despatched as above on or about the 17th January.

Application for Freight should be made in advance as there is only a limited space available.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1897. [1937]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [105]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"
Captain Craig will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and *vice versa*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [66]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

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(Taking Cargo at through rates for CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, ADRIATIC, and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"POSEIDON,"
Captain R. Mayer, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th instant.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [89]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ORESTES,"
Captain Barr, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [46]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"HANSEAT,"
Captain C. Hamis, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st instant.

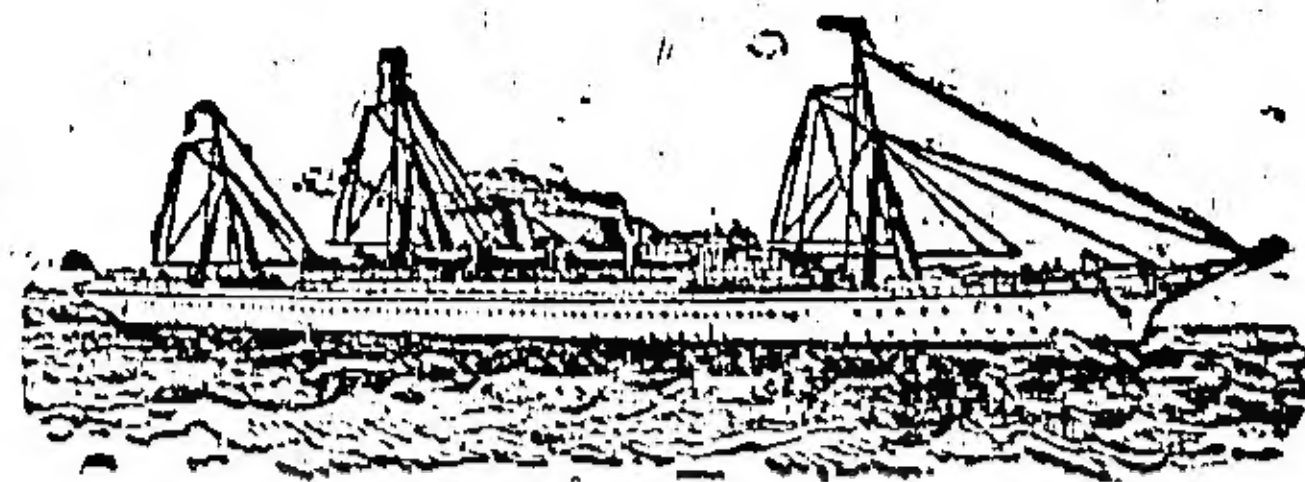
To be followed by the
S.S. "LYDERHORN" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 28th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [67]

Mails.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

Hongkong, 19th December, 1897.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaile (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 15th Jan., at Daylight.

Doris (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... Thursday, 3rd Feb., at Noon.

Belle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Thursday, 22nd Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 15th Jan., 1897, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1897. [62]

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Hongkong, 14th Mar., 1898. [159]

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(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"VERONA,"
Captain C. H. S. Toque, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 17th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [5]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prussia Tuesday ... 1st Feb.
Sachsen Tuesday ... 1st March.
Bayern Wednesday 13th March.
Pfalz Rheinl. Wednesday 17th April.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wittke, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 29th January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 31st Jan., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 31st Jan. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 50 cts and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [58]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBÉ, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Tacoma 2,540 | A. Dixon Feb. 2.
Victoria 3,167 | J. Treubridge Feb. 22.
Olympia 1,691 | Dobson Mar. 15.
Columbia 2,605 | A. Gow April 5.

ALSO
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Felican 2,328 | A. Gove Feb. 8.
Bramar 3,601 | E. Porter Mar. 8.
Mogul 3,654 | W. H. Wright Mar. 29.

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Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

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Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897. [4]

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A. CHAFMAN,

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [135]

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Sole Agents for Hongkong—
A. S. WATSON & Co.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1896. [137]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Extra Steamship

"DARMSTADT,"
will be despatched as above on or about the 15th of February, 1898.

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"CREVELD,"
on or about the 15th of March, 1898.

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